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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Whitefish, Montana  
WPCSRF #: C304238

Whitefish– River Lakes Forcemain Replacement Project

September 17, 2014

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project is for installation of approximately 1,920 feet of parallel 8" and 6" PVC sewer forcemains to allow connection of the River Lakes sewer collectors to the screening facility at the existing Whitefish wastewater treatment facility. The work is being performed entirely on City property at the wastewater treatment facility to enhance treatment. Currently these sewer mains discharge directly into pond number 1 at the facility. This results in rags and debris entering the pond directly and impacting performance of mechanical aeration units. By re-routing these mains to the screening facility, this debris will be removed and will eliminate this on-going maintenance issue for operations staff. Work is being financed with a low interest loan from the State Revolving Fund jointly administered by MDEQ & MDNRC.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

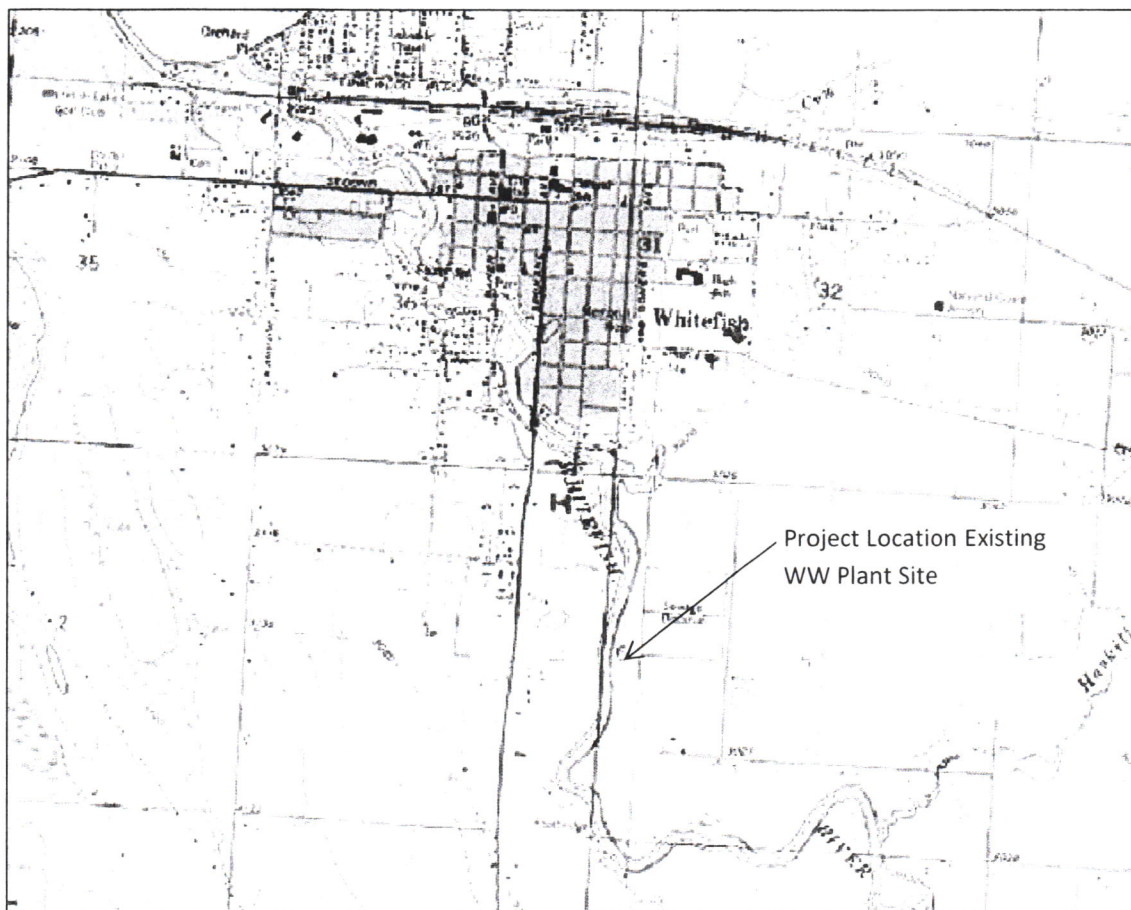
The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality  
State Revolving Fund Loan Program  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

City of Whitefish  
Attention: John Wilson  
413 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Whitefish, MT 59937

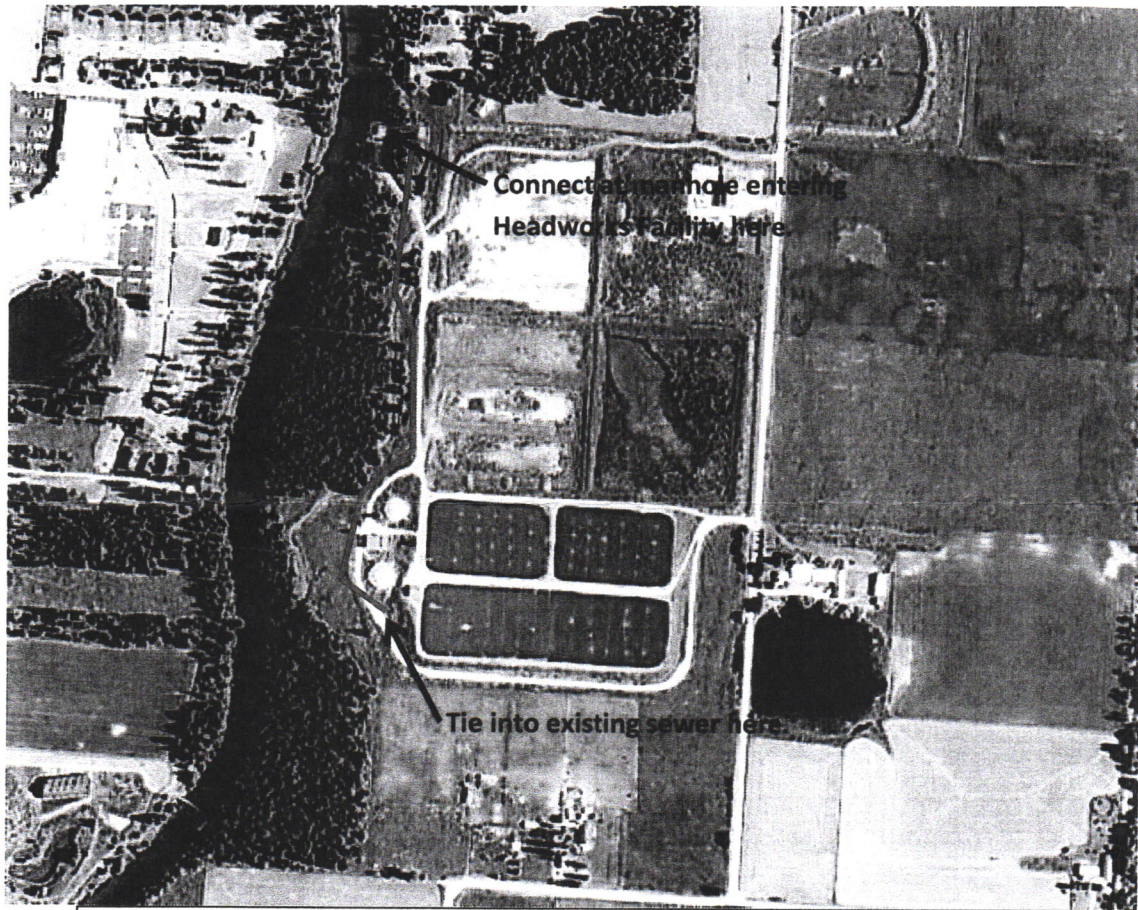
Sincerely,

Todd Teegarden, Bureau Chief  
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau  
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality



Whitefish – River Lakes Sewer Forcemain Project Site Location





Connection point entering  
Headworks facility here

Tie into existing sewer here

Alignment of proposed new parallel sewer force mains from tie-in at Pond #1 to headworks screen facility at north end of treatment complex (shown in red)